

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Amanda McCammon, Director of PK-16, IDOE

Date: August 4, 2017

Re: SEA 29 - Cursive Writing Survey

Background:

Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation requiring the DOE to conduct a cursive writing survey of elementary and secondary school teachers, administrators, and members of governing bodies and its equivalent for charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools. The survey must include the following: (1) The role of the individual surveyed, including: (A) teacher; (B) administrator; or (C) member of a governing body. (2) Whether the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school currently includes cursive writing instruction in its elementary school curriculum, and if so, the amount of instructional time allocated to cursive writing instruction. (3) Whether the individual surveyed is in favor of or is opposed to mandatory instruction of cursive writing in elementary school. (4) The reasons why an individual surveyed is in favor of or opposed to mandatory cursive writing instruction in elementary school. The DOE must submit a report of the survey to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2017.

Guidance:

In order to meet the requirements set forth in SEA 29, the Department of Education is requesting for all elementary and secondary school teachers, administrators, and members of governing bodies and its equivalent for charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools to complete the cursive writing survey found [here](#) before October 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda McCammon, [amccammon@doe.in.gov](mailto:amccammon@doe.in.gov).